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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claims 21-36 and 40** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Herron Jr. 4,970,753.

Regarding claims 21-26, Herron discloses a vacuum cleaner comprising a housing and an exhaust opening **(34)** that is fluidically connected to an overpressure side of a motor/blower unit **(26)** which is surrounded by an insulating capsule **(36)** and which is placed inside a blower housing **(42)** via duct that has a duct section **(38,40)** which is arranged while extending between the insulating capsule and the blower housing, wherein a first capsule part of the insulating capsule is joined to a portion of the blower housing while forming a single piece **(at 40)**, wherein the housing part of the blower housing is a blower compartment cover on which a second capsule part of the insulating capsule is molded **(2:36-59)**; a main flow channel for a main air flow is arranged so that it runs between the blower compartment cover and the second capsule part with an inflow opening formed in the blower compartment cover and discharging air flow from the blower compartment **(2:53-60)**; the main flow channel is arranged so that it runs behind an end of the motor/blower unit opposite to a suction opening **(Fig. 1)**; at least one auxiliary flow channel for an auxiliary air flow is arranged so that it runs between the

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blower compartment cover and the second capsule part (**Fig. 2**); respectively at least one auxiliary flow channel is arranged so that it runs at the side of the motor/blower unit (**Figs. 1 and 2**); the auxiliary flow channels have a rectangular cross-section and extend substantially vertically (**Figs. 1-2; and 4:6-16**);

Regarding claims 27-29, see Figs. 1 and 3; and 4:61-68.

Regarding claims 30-36, see Figs. 1-3; and 4:1-5.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 37-39** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Herron Jr. in view of Moshenrose et al. US 2005/0210628

Herron Jr. is described above. Herron Jr. does not specifically disclose the housing part of the blower comprising a holder for receiving a bearing element for the motor/blower unit. Moshenrose et al. discloses a vacuum cleaner fan unit in which the housing part of the blower comprises a holder for receiving a bearing element for the motor/blower unit so as to facilitate ease of periodic inspection and maintenance of the unit. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made Herron Jr.'s apparatus to have the housing part of the blower to comprise a holder for receiving a bearing element for the motor/blower unit as taught by

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Moshenrose et al. so as to facilitate ease of periodic inspection and maintenance of the unit.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALVIN J. GRANT whose telephone number is (571)272-4484. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Alvin J Grant/
Examiner, Art Unit 3723